

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claim replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Electromotive drive comprising:

a housing having a shaft support, in which the shaft of a rotor is rotationally mounted;

a stator having drive windings, said stator being traversed ~~and retained by the shaft support, whereby the stator is substantially retained in only a transversal direction by the shaft support and is connected with the remaining housing for transmission of torque in rotationally fixed manner;~~ support; and

a base plate supporting the stator relative to the housing, said base plate being fastened to the housing ~~and formed as a punched-out grid whereby transmission of a torque moment from the stator to motor~~ said housing occurs solely via the base plate fastened in the housing, the base plate being not rigidly connected over its entire area with the housing.

2.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive comprising:

a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;

a base plate attached to the housing at selected areas of the base plate less than an entire area of the base plate;

a stator surrounding the shaft support and being attached to the base plate ~~exclusively and without connection to the housing~~ whereby torque transmission occurs from the stator to the housing exclusively through the base plate;

a shaft rotatably arranged within the shaft support; and,

a rotor attached to the shaft and surrounding the stator.

12. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **11**, further including a resilient member disposed between an inner wall of the stator and an outer wall of the shaft support whereby a gap is created between the stator and the shaft support.

13. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **12**, further including a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

14. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **12**, wherein the coupling includes grease material disposed in the gap.

15. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **12**, further including at least one flexible element which bridges the gap.

16. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **15**, wherein the at least one flexible element includes a vibration damping element.

17. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **15**, wherein:

grooves are provided in the outer wall of the shaft support; and,
the at least one flexible element includes an O-ring retained in said grooves.

18. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **11**, wherein the base plate includes torque coupling means disposed adjacent the base plate for torque coupling between the base plate and the housing.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 17, wherein the base plate further includes a punched-out grid.

21. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 20, wherein the torque coupling means further includes at least one conductor tract of the punched-out grid.

22. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 21, wherein the conductor tract additionally serves for establishing electrical contact between the housing and the stator.

23. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 22, wherein the base plate further includes a plastic extrusion coating.

24. (Currently Amended) An electromotive drive comprising:
a housing;
a shaft support extending from said housing;
a base plate directly attached to the housing at selected areas of the base plate, the base plate being not connected over its entire area with the housing;
a stator spaced apart from the shaft support defining a gap therebetween, the stator being directly attached to the ~~housing~~ base plate whereby a torque moment is transmitted from said stator to said housing exclusively through said base plate;
a shaft rotatably disposed within the shaft support;
a rotor attached with the shaft; and
a resilient member disposed between the stator and the shaft support.

25. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 24, wherein the resilient member includes a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

26. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **24**, wherein the resilient member includes at least one O-ring arranged in the gap.

27. (Previously Presented) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim **24**, wherein the resilient member includes a vibration damping means for damping vibrations of said stator.

28. (Currently Amended) A pump motor, operative in conjunction with a pump for a hydraulic system of a motor vehicle, the pump motor comprising:
a housing including an elongate shaft support;
a stator surrounding the shaft support;
a base plate providing a sole ~~connection~~ route of torque transmission between the stator and the housing and providing dampening between the stator and the housing, the base plate having an area and a selected portion of said area not contacting said housing;
a shaft rotatable within the shaft support;
a rotor attached with the shaft; and
a flexible coupling disposed between the stator and the shaft support.

29. (Previously Presented) The pump motor as set forth in claim **28**, wherein:
the stator and the shaft support together define a gap therebetween; and
the coupling is disposed within the gap.

30. (New) The pump motor as set forth in claim **28**, wherein a substantial portion of said area of said base plate is not contacting said housing.

31. (New) The pump motor as set forth in claim **28**, wherein substantially all of said area of said base plate is not contacting said housing.